

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-43 are pending in the present application. Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 41, and 42 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 41 is found from original claim 3 and throughout the specification (for example, please see Figure 3). Entry of the amendments and favorable consideration are requested.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner deemed Applicants' arguments against the Restriction Requirement not to be persuasive and made the requirement final based on the conclusion that the device shown in Figure 3 is not a funnel. Applicants respectfully disagree.

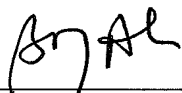
Applicants note that element 135 of Figure 3 is referred to in the specification (see page 9, near the center of the page) as a "clasping funnel" consistent with the common usage of the term "funnel" as "a metal chimney on a ship or an engine, through which smoke comes out," according to the definition of the term in Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English, a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit A. Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Figure 3 contains a funnel. As such, Applicants respectfully request that claims referring to a funnel be examined with the rest of the pending claims.

If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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fundamental (usually pl.) a basic rule or principle; an essential part: the fundamentals of modern physics. He taught me the fundamentals of the job.

fundamentalism /'fʌndə'mentlɪzəm/ noun [U] 1 the practice of following very strictly the basic rules and teachings of any religion 2 (in Christianity) the belief that everything that is written in the Bible is completely true. **fundamentalist** /-tɪst/ noun: Muslim fundamentalists **fun-da-men-tal-ist** /-tɪst/ adj.

fun-da-men-tal-ly /'fʌndə'mentlɪ/ adv. 1 in every way that is important, completely: The two approaches are fundamentally different. By the 1980s the situation had changed fundamentally. They remained fundamentally opposed to the plan. 2 used when you are introducing a (simple and stating sth important about it [SYN] BASICALLY: Fundamentally, there are two different approaches to the problem. 3 used when you are saying what is the most important thing about sth [SYN] BASICALLY: She is fundamentally a nice person; but she finds it difficult to communicate.

fund-er /'fʌndə(r)/ noun a person or an organization that provides money for a particular purpose

fund-ing /'fʌndɪŋ/ noun [U] money for a particular purpose; the act of providing money for such a purpose: There have been large cuts in government funding for scientific research.

fund-raiser noun 1 a person who collects money for a charity or an organization 2 a social event or entertainment held in order to collect money for a charity or an organization. **fund-raising** noun [U]

fun-er-al /'fʌnərəl/ noun a ceremony, usually a religious one, for burying or cremating (= burning) a dead person: Hundreds of people attended the funeral. a funeral procession. a funeral march (= a sad piece of music suitable for funerals) [E] it's your funeral (informal) used to tell sb that they, and nobody else, will have to deal with the unpleasant results of their own actions

fun-er-al director noun (formal) = UNDERTAKER
fun-er-al parlour (BrE) (AmE 'funeral parlor) (also a funeral home AmE, BrE) (AmE also mor-tu-ary) noun a place where dead people are prepared for being buried or cremated (= burned) and where visitors can see the body
fun-er-ary /'fʌnərəri/ AmE -er-ri/ adj. [only before noun] (formal) of or used at a funeral: funeralary monuments / rites

fun-er-al /'fʌnərəl/ AmE -nər-ri/ adj. (formal) suitable for a funeral; sad: a funeral atmosphere

fun-fair /'fʌnfə(r)/ AmE -fər-ri/ noun (BrE) = F&F

fung-al /'fʌŋɡəl/ adj. of or caused by FUNGUS: a fungal infection

fung-i-ide /'fʌŋɡɪd/ 'fʌŋɡɪ-/ noun [C, U] a substance that kills fungus

fun-gus /'fʌŋɡəs/ noun (pl. fungi /'fʌŋɡɪ/; ger. 'fʌndz/) 1 [C, often pl.] any plant without leaves, flowers or green colouring, usually growing on other plants or on decaying matter. Mushrooms and mould are both fungi. 2 [U, C] a covering of mould or a similar fungus, for example on a plant or wall: fungus infections

fun-ic-u-lar /'fʌnɪkjələ(r)/ (also funicular 'railway) noun a railway on a steep slope, with the carriages being pulled up and down by a moving cable

funk /fʌŋk/ noun, verb

noun 1 [U] a type of modern dance music with a strong rhythm. 2 (also blue 'funk) [sing.] (old-fashioned, infor- mal) a state of fear or anxiety

verb [V] (BrE, informal) to avoid doing sth because you are afraid to or find it difficult

funky /fʌŋki/ adj. (funk-ier, funk-iest) (informal) 1 (of a pop music) with a strong rhythm that is easy to dance to. 2 (approving, especially AmE) fashionable and unusual: She wears really funky clothes.

fun-loving adj. (of people) liking to enjoy themselves

fun-nel /'fʌnl/ noun, verb

noun 1 a device that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening—picture at LABORATORY 2 (BrE) (also smoke-

stack AmE, BrE) a metal chimney, for example on a ship or an engine, through which smoke comes out—picture at BOAT

verb (Il-, AmE -l-) to move or make sth move through a narrow space, or as if through a funnel: [V] Wind was funneling through the gorge. [V] Huge pipes funnel the water down the mountainside. Barricades funnelled the crowds towards the square. (figurative) Some \$10 million in aid was funnelled into the country through government agencies.

fun-nies /'fʌnɪz/ noun (the funnies) [pl.] (AmE, informal) the part of a newspaper where there are several comic strips (= series of drawings that tell a funny story)

fun-nily /'fʌnəlɪ/ adv. in a strange way [E] funnily enough used to show that you expect people to find a particular fact surprising: Funnily enough, I met her only yesterday.

funny /'fʌni/ adj. (fun-nier, fun-niest)

AmE 1 making you laugh; amusing: a funny story. That's the funniest thing I've ever heard. It's not funny! Someone could have been hurt. I was really embarrassed, but then I saw the funny side of it. (ironic) Oh very funny! You expect me to believe that? What's so funny? she demanded. Note that funny does not mean 'enjoyable': The party was great fun. The party was very funny.

BRIT 2 (especially spoken) difficult to explain or understand: A funny thing happened to me today. It's funny how things never happen the way you expect them to. That's funny—he was here a moment ago and now he's gone. The funny thing is it never happened again after that. The engine's making a very funny noise. I'm pleased I didn't get that job, in a funny sort of way.

SUSPICIOUS/LEGAL 3 (informal) suspicious, and probably illegal or dishonest: I suspect there may be something funny going on. If there has been any funny business, we'll soon find out.

WITHOUT RESPECT 4 (BrE, especially spoken) humorous in a way that shows a lack of respect for sb [SYN] CREEPY: Don't you get funny with me!

ILL/SICK 5 (informal) slightly ill/sick: I feel a bit funny today—I don't think I'll go to work.

CRAZY 6 (BrE, informal) slightly crazy, not like other people: That Dave's a funny chap, isn't he? She went a bit funny after her husband died.

MACHINE 7 (informal) not working as it should: My computer keeps going funny.

funny bone noun (usually sing.) (informal) the part of the elbow containing a very sensitive nerve that is painful if you hit it against sth

fun run noun (especially BrE) an event in which people run a long distance for fun, and to collect money for charity

fur /fɜː(r)/ noun 1 [U] the soft thick mass of hair that grows on the body of some animals 2 [U] the skin of an animal with the fur still on it, used especially for making clothes: a fur coat. the fur trade. a fur farm (= where animals are bred and killed for their fur) 3 [U] the animal is hunted for its fur. fur-lined gloves 4 [C] an artificial fabric that looks and feels like fur 5 [C] a piece of clothing, especially a coat or jacket, made of real or artificial fur: elegant ladies in fur 6 (BrE) = SCALEN. (B) 7 [U] a greyish-white layer that forms on a person's tongue, especially when they are ill—see also FURRED

fur-ious /'fjʊəriəs/ AmE 'fʊr-ri/ adj. 1 = (with sb) (at sth/sb) very angry: She was absolutely furious at having been deceived. He was furious with himself for letting things get so out of control. 2 with great energy, speed or anger: a furious argument/debate. She drove off at a furious pace. See also FURY. fur-iously-by adv. furiously angry. 'Damn!' he said furiously. They worked furiously all weekend, trying to get it finished on time. [E] see FURIOUS

fur-l /fɜː(r)/ AmE 'fʊr-ri/ verb [V] to roll, and fasten sth such as a sail, a flag or an umbrella.

fur-long /'fɜːlɒŋ/ AmE 'fɜːlɒŋ/ noun (especially in horse

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Exhibit A